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HB 5286, An Act Concerning The Return Of Stolen Property Judiciary Committee Public Hearing March 12, 2012

Senators Coleman, Doyle, Kissel; Representatives Fox, Holder-Winfield, Hetherington and Members of the Judiciary Committee: I am sorry I cannot present my testimony in support of this bill to you in person, but thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

The purpose of HB 5286 is to permit more stolen property recovered by police to be returned to the rightful owner by raising the property value threshold that determines whether the police must file an inventory and retain the property.

Raising the value of stolen property to be returned to the rightful owner from \$250.00 to \$500.00 not only keeps pace with the rate of inflation, but cuts down on the costs and administrative burdens of police departments, and provides some municipal mandate relief.

I thank you for your time and attention in considering passage of this bill, and hope you will contact me if you have any questions or concerns with it.

Respectfully submitted,

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